

Hajj - the Spiritual Conquest

Most of the rituals and ceremonies of world religions are but grand symbols for the inner spiritual journey and practices.

There is a saying of Prophet Muhammad that the ka'aba would stand until a man from Ethiopia came who would tear the ka'aba down brick-by-brick.

What this means is that the symbolism of the ka'aba would be broken down and its mysteries revealed.

The ka'aba houses the sacred Black Stone and is within Masjid al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque) in Mecca.

During hajj season Muslims travel from all over the world, perform various rituals and then circumambulate the ka'aba seven times. They throw seven stones at a white stone that represents stoning Satan and they kiss the Black Stone.

The hajj ceremony predates "Islam" by thousands of years.³ Layers of meaning are embedded within the ceremony. On a mundane level, the stone represents Hagar, the African mother of the Arab peoples. The hajj is a huge family reunion and they return from all parts of the globe to kiss their mommy. In a sense, hajj calls the Arabs to get back in touch with their African roots.

Hajj's deeper meanings transcend the Arabs and have universal implications.

Before Muhammad, the Sacred Mosque was home to 360 idols. Those idols symbolized the degrees of the zodiac, the 3,600 year orbital period of the 12th Planet, Nibiru and the 36 circulations of chi⁴ in the Microcosmic Orbit.⁵

The seven circumambulations of the ka'aba represent the circulation of chi in the Microcosmic Orbit. The men wear white ihrams (robes) and, viewed from above it looks like white light flowing around the black center.

Tossing seven stones at the white stone represents rejecting ego's influence on the seven chakras ("seven heavens"). ⁶

The Black Stone symbolizes the Taoist Pearl and kissing it is a sign of elevating sexual energy to empower chi to enlightenment. The Pearl is used in the Fusion of the Five Elements Formula to purify the organs and clear acupuncture channels.

A hajj is not a pilgrim. She or he is a conqueror. The Book of Revelation refers to "the conqueror." 7

When one has conquered the material appetites then one can "travel" to the celestial realms. Thus the pilgrims at Mecca say: "Labaika Allahumma labaika," which means, "Here I am, O Allah, here I am."

The physical hajj is a sign of the inner journey and conquest.

A true hajj, then, is a spiritual master, equivalent to "the Osiris" title given master initiates in ancient Egypt.

When one completes hajj he is given the title "Al-Hajj" as in Malcolm X;s "Al-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz."

But those physical pilgrims aren't necessarily true hajjis -- not in the sense of spiritual conquest and ascension.⁸ A person can go to Mecca and return basically the same way he was before his trip.

Mecca itself is a sign. In fact, every "holy city" is a sign. Mecca's original name was Bakka which represents the fusion (yoga or union) of the divine self (Ba) with the personality (Ka). That unified consciousness is called Bakka.

The ka'aba is draped in a black veil. That veil is the veil of the blackness (Nirvana/not moving) of consciousness necessary to connect and fuse the 3 great parts of being: Ka (emotional personality), Ab (moral self) and Ba (divine self).